

## Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

### NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that the Commission received two petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Milledgeville post office in Milledgeville, Ohio. The first petition for review received January 13, 2012, was filed by John Hiser. The second petition for review received January 17, 2012, was filed by Ronald C. Anderson, Mayor of the Village of Milledgeville. The earliest postmark date is January 11, 2012.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than January 30, 2012.



Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary

Date: January 19, 2012

Attachment

Chairman *Ruth Y. Boldway*  
Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Ave., NW  
Suite 200  
Washington D.C. 20268-0001

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Dear Chairman: *Boldway:*

POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

The U.S. Postal Service has posted the final determination to "close" our Milledgeville Post Office in Milledgeville, OH 43142.

We vehemently oppose this closing and are appealing to the Postal Commission to continue to allow our village post office to operate with the same services that are currently provided on a daily basis.

We find the alternate service, offered by the Postal Service for Milledgeville, OH 43142, to be unacceptable. It does not provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service to our rural area.

Our community feels that we have been discriminated against. Our post office sold hundreds of dollars of postal products every year until 2008. The Postmaster at our office had standing orders for Philatelic Stamp Yearbooks every year. After 2008, we were told that if we wished to purchase any of these retail products, we would have to resort to buying them at the larger post offices. Then three years later, we found out that they had performed a study on how much revenue the post office had taken in over the past three years. You should be able to understand why we are upset with this decision since a major source of revenue was taken away from us. We can now see why they took those sales away from us. They wanted to close our post office and this was a way to justify it on paper.

I sent a question concerning this issue to Ms. Chu Falling Star, District Manager, Cincinnati District, and she did not answer the question that was asked. She noted in her response, though, that and I quote, "The Postal Service relies on the sale of postage, products, and services to fund its operations. Nothing would please us more than to have businesses and customers increase their use of U.S.P.S. products and services to avoid future office closures." My response to this is, "How can you support your post office, when you took those sales away from our post office?"

At our earlier meeting in September, 2011, we were given a map showing where we could purchase stamps and other services provided by the U.S.P.S. It's amazing that your mileage is much closer than it actually is to these post offices! Once again, we have been provided with false information!

The Village of Milledgeville, the Village of Octa, and the Jasper Township Trustees, all government agencies, use this post office and receive their mail here.

The decision to combine our post office with the Jeffersonville Post Office, 43128 will cause Milledgeville to lose its identity and we strongly oppose this action. The Postmaster plays an important role in our community. Many of our residents do not drive or have checking accounts. They rely on the post office for many of their day-to-day business needs. The postmaster issues numerous money orders to the residents of both Milledgeville and Jasper Township. These citizens will suffer hardships by this decision because they will no longer be able to walk to the post office and complete their business.

Our small post office represents the federal government to our residents and its hard for us to understand the reasoning behind this decision made by the U.S.P.S. We understand the financial hardships the Postal Service is facing. However, it is still against the law to close a post office that is not financially self-sustaining.

So, again today, we are appealing the Postal Service's decision to have our office closed. Please find an enclosed list of names and addresses of people who use this post office and are against this closing.

We appreciate your consideration of our views and comments.

Sincerely,

John Hiser  
P.O. Box 22  
Milledgeville, OH 43142

Phone (740) 948-2230

cc U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown  
cc U.S. Senator Rob Portman  
cc U.S. Representative Steve Austria  
cc U.S. Representative Michael Turner  
cc State Representative Bob Peterson

Enclosures: Petitions to save Milledgeville, OH 43142 Post Office

PETITION TO SAVE MILLEDGEVILLE, OH 43142 POST OFFICE

John H. Murray  
Wayne Bliss  
Robert Bliss  
Jeri Bliss  
Mark W. Williams  
Robert Williams  
Minda King  
Cindy King  
Ray E. King  
Terese M. Perringer  
Butch Hill  
Waney Jones  
Don Jones  
Helen L. Self  
Robert W. Rinehart  
Timothy D. Rinehart  
Scott Wheeler  
Lang Trubert  
Jackie Busby  
Rebecca Hixon  
JIAN LIN  
Timmy Wheeler  
Billie Williamson  
Brad Williamson  
Wynona Davis  
Ernest Davis

PETITION TO SAVE MILLEDGEVILLE, OH 43142 POST OFFICE

Linda Hiser

Mark S. Hiser

Daniel Hiser

Public Currie

Village of Octa

Pennyl Johnson

Stoney Jantuck

Ruth Jantuck

Ronald Jantuck

Shirley Hendricks

Beatrice Roberts

Tom Adams

Linda Harris

DON YANISCH

Karl W. Smith

Charles Hendricks

Garnet Shaffer

Spice Whipple

Marion S. Davis

Nura S. Kelly

Ruby Rayburn

Ronald Tison

Renee C.

Chris C.

Jeff Wheeler

Donald A. Holbert

Qla E. D. over

Barbara Phoenix

Shirley D Craig  
David W Craig  
Ted M. Craig  
Lyle A. Johnson  
Paul L. Johnson  
Linda L. Morgan  
John Rogers  
John P. Rosinger  
Bessie A. Ross  
John W. Ross  
Angela Self

Angela Kelly

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VILLAGE OF MILLEDGEVILLE  
8505 MAIN STREET  
P.O. BOX 40  
MILLEDGEVILLE, OHIO  
43142

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POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JANUARY 9 2012

I AM WRITING TO FILE AN APPEAL ON THE DECISION TO CLOSE THE MILLEDGEVILLE, OHIO-43142 POST-OFFICE. ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZEN'S OF MILLEDGEVILLE AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. THE VILLAGE OF OATA AND JASPER TOWNSHIP AND LOCAL BUSINESS AND FARMERS.

THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY LISTED ABOVE RECEIVE GOVERNMENT CHECKS AND WE FEEL A LOSS OF SECURITY WITH OPEN MAIL -BOXES.

WE ALSO WILL LOSE A DAY OF MAIL-SERVICE, BECAUSE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAIL THINGS OUT ON THE SAME DAY WE RECEIVE THEM WITHOUT DRIVING TO THE WASHINGTON C.H. POST-OFFICE.

WE ALSO HAVE A LOT OF SENIOR-CITIZENS WHO RECEIVE MEDICINE IN THE MAIL AND WITH THE DRUG PROBLEM IN THE WORLD THEY DON'T WANT TO TAKE A CHANCE THAT IT WILL BE STOLEN. A FEW CITIZEN'S DON'T HAVE A BANK ACCOUNT AND THEY USE THE POST-OFFICE FOR MONEY-ORDERS TO PAY THEIR BILLS.

THE CLOSURE OF THE POST-OFFICE. [IT] WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF JASPER TOWNSHIP, THE VILLAGE OF MILLEDGEVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF OCTA, AND ALL OF THE BUSINESS AND FARMERS.

MAYOR OF MILLEDGEVILLE, OHIO

RONALD C. ANDERSON

*Ronald C. Anderson*

VILLAGE OF MILLEDGEVILLE

PO BOX 40

MILLEDGEVILLE, OHIO

43142

WE THE CITIZEN'S OF MILLEDGEVILLE AND SUROUNDING COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO KNOWN HOW THE POSTAL SERVICE CAN CLOSE OUR POST-OFFICE WHEN ACCORDING TO THE LAW THEY ARE PROHIBITED FROM PERMANENTY CLOSING SMALL POST-OFFICES JUST TO SAVE MONEY.

THE FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITING USPS FROM PERMANENTLY CLOSING A SMALL POST-OFFICE JUST TO SAVE MONEY IS UNDER TITLE 39, UNITED STATES CODE 404[B] WHICH STATES ANY DECISION TO CLOSE OR CONSOLIDATE A POST-OFFICE MUST BE BASED ON CERTAIN CRITERIA., INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON THE COMMUNITY SERVED. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW MANY POST-OFFICES MAKE MONEY. WE FEEL THAT LACK OF WORK STILL COMES DOWN TO MONEY.

1. WHY WAS THE POSTMASTER VACANCY NOT FILLED IN 2008?
2. WHY WAS RETAIL TAKEN AWAY ? [OUR POST-OFFICE LOST MONEY.]
3. VERY FEW CITIZEN'S OF OUR COMMUNITY HAVE THE INTERNET.



**AND MOST OF THE ONES THAT DO DON'T PAY BILLS ONLINE.**

**4. WHY DIDN'T THE POSTAL SERVICE NOTIFY THE LESSOR OF THE  
BUILDING.**

# LOG OF POST OFFICE DISCONTINUANCE ACTIONS

Office Name, State, ZIP Code: MILLEDGEVILLE, OH, 43142-0800  
 EAS Level: 65  
 District: CINCINNATI PFC  
 County: FAYETTE  
 Congressional District: 7  
 Proposal: ☒ Close ☐ Consolidate  
 Reason For Proposal: was promoted  
 Alternate Service Proposed: Rural Route Service  
 Customers Affected:  
 Post Office Box: 68  
 General Delivery: 0  
 Rural Route: 0  
 Highway Contract Route (HCR): 0  
 City Route: 0  
 Intermediate Rural: 0  
 Intermediate HCR: 0  
 Total number of customers: 68

| Date       | Action  |
|------------|---|
|            | Office suspended. Reason suspended.   |
|            | Suspension notice sent to Headquarters.   |
| 06/07/2009 | Postmaster vacancy occurred. Reason: was promoted.  |
|            | PM: Career 0 Noncareer 1 Other Employees 0  |
| 06/10/2011 | District manager authorization to study.  |
| 08/10/2011 | Questionnaires sent to customers. Number sent 70. Number returned 25.<br>Analysis: Favorable 0 Unfavorable 5 No Opinion 25  |
|            | Petition received. Number of signatures 0.<br>Concerns expressed.   |
| 10/20/2011 | Congressional inquiry received. Yes.<br>Concerns expressed:<br>Loss of community value, loss of identity, travel for services, and small communities paying the price for big government mistakes.  |
| 09/09/2011 | Proposal and checklist sent to district for review.   |
| 09/08/2011 | Government Relations and Retail Operations notified by district 10 days before the 60-day posting (PS Form 4920 attached).  |
| 09/09/2011 | Proposal and invitation for comments posted and round-dated.  |
| 11/23/2011 | Proposal and invitation for comments removed and round-dated.<br>Comment Analysis:<br>Favorable 0 Unfavorable 0 No Opinion 0 0  |
| None       | Premature PRC appeal received.<br>Concerns expressed.   |
| 09/09/2011 | Updated PS Form 4920 completed (if necessary).<br>Certification of the official record.   |
| 12/06/2011 | District transmittal of official record to vice president, Delivery and Retail, and copy of transmittal letter to vice president, Area Operations.  |
| 12/07/2011 | Headquarters logged in official record (option entry).<br>Record returned to district for additional consideration.<br>Record returned as not warranted.<br>Final determination posted at affected office(s) and round-dated.<br>Final determination removed and round-dated.<br>Postal Bulletin Post Office Change Announcement form sent to Headquarters.<br>No appeals letter received from Headquarters.<br>Appeal to PRC received.<br>PRC opinion received on appeal.<br>Affirmed: Remanded: USPS Withdrawn: |
|            | Address management systems notified to update AMS report.   |
|            | Discontinuance announced in Postal Bulletin No. Effective date.   |

Review Coordinator/person most familiar with the case:

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| BOB REDDEN                              | Telephone Number |
| Name/Title                              |                  |
| BOB REDDEN                              | Telephone Number |
| District Post Office Review Coordinator |                  |

### Community Meeting Roster

Postal Service Representative (Names and Titles)

Christy Giardino

Ross Crego

*Walter J. J.*

Date 09/21/2011

Time 7:30 PM

Total Number of Customers Present:

*0-41*

Place: Milledgeville Town Hall Community Center

This document will be placed in an administrative record that, if discontinuance goes forward, becomes available for public inspection.

Names of Customers Present:

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| Name              | Mailing Address (optional) | Zip Code | Phone Number |
|-------------------|----------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Adney Miller      |                            |          |              |
| Phyllis Reed      |                            |          |              |
| Gloria Rankin     |                            |          |              |
| Travis Purkey     |                            |          |              |
| Richard Anderson  |                            |          |              |
| Tom Anderson      |                            |          |              |
| PENNY JOHNSON     |                            |          |              |
| Linda Hiser       |                            |          |              |
| Mark S. Hiser     |                            |          |              |
| Beatrice Roberts  |                            |          |              |
| DAVID PERSINGER   |                            |          |              |
| Charles Henderson |                            |          |              |
| LARRY ANDERSON    |                            |          |              |
| Kenneth Holbert   |                            |          |              |
| Barbara Kippert   |                            |          |              |
| Bobby Kippert     |                            |          |              |
| Richard H. Hiff   |                            |          |              |
| Ted Craig         |                            |          |              |
| Roger Tsoni       |                            |          |              |

Date 08/21/2011

Time: 3:30 PM

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Place: Milledgeville Town Hall Community Center

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